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Subject: Trinseo Polymer Release (Bristol, PA) - Quick sample update and following up on various requests for information...

Hi LCDR Higgins –

Thanks for all your effort today in terms of coordinating with me regarding in our effort to support sampling efforts at this response. I just heard that the team is wrapping up I think they are or will be back at Station Del Bay shortly. They will then pack up samples and head over to the facility to pick up a raw materials/product sample that the lab requested and which Trinseo collected. Our contractor will then deliver the samples to Eurofins in Edison, NJ.

Trinseo has continued to arrange for the analytical services to support this effort. Per your request, we are prepared to repeat this sampling effort tomorrow. I will get back to you with the time that the sampling team and boat crew agreed on.

I am hoping to clarify how a few things with respect to communication. I decided to copy PA DEP and EPA folks here for their awareness. I think the first has been addressed. We have a rep in the Philly EOC. They are receiving numerous requests for various info including updates on latest sampling efforts. We are not sharing info for purposes of press releases, etc. We refer all requests to USCG. I believe you are working to provide a liaison. Just want to confirm and make all aware. Would you please also confirm USCG PIO contact info. I just want to make sure our folks have that both EPA Region 3 and Region 2 have the right contact info.

I just want to emphasize that EPA understands that USCG is the FOSC for this response. We respect that USCG along with our state partners are part of the UC and are coordinating to provide updates regarding the ongoing response activities at the facility and with respect to the various sampling efforts. We will continue to support sampling efforts as requested. I want to be sure I point folks in the right direction should I receive further requests for information relating to sampling efforts, results or anything else.

Thanks - Kelley

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